

Pet Food Recalls: How Could This Happen Here?

Wayne Clark, Ph.D. – Member, GPA-CT

Researchers have implicated the chemical compound melamine in the recently publicized deaths of 16 and more than 14,000 reported illnesses of family pets here in the US. The presence of the chemical has prompted the recall of 60 million packages of pet food here in the US.

Melamine is used as an intermediate chemical in the production of plastics and adhesives. It is also used to make fertilizer, and is a major component in Pigment Yellow 150, a colorant in ink and plastics. While it has a relatively low level of toxicity, animal studies have shown that prolonged exposure leads to kidney stones, cancer or reproductive system damage.

So how does a compound like melamine find its way into our commercial pet food supply? A recent report in the New York Times states that the compound is “routinely added to animal feed as a fake protein” in China. The chemical is legitimately manufactured in China to create plastics. The scrap has been sold for years to unscrupulous animal feed producers. The nitrogen-rich melamine is mixed with low grade wheat, corn, or soybean protein. When the mixture is tested, it passes as a high-grade protein that can be sold for a better price.

“Many companies buy melamine scrap to make animal feed, such as fish feed,” said Ji Denghui, general manager of the Fujian Sanming Dinghui Chemical Company, which sells melamine. “I don’t know if there’s a regulation on it. Probably not. No law or regulation says ‘don’t do it,’ so everyone’s doing it. The laws in China are like that, aren’t they? If there’s no accident, there won’t be any regulation.”

Rice protein concentrate from China and corn gluten from South Africa have also been found to contain melamine, all meant for use in pet food. Melamine’s presence in food in America is illegal. While the FDA has banned imports of wheat gluten from China, and is preparing to send inspectors to the region, even that may not be enough. The Department of Agriculture recently ordered 6000 hogs to be quarantined or slaughtered after some of the pet food ingredients found to be contaminated with melamine were accidentally sent to hog farms in the US.

So what should be done about the possibility of melamine in the food we feed our pets? Avoid the foods from manufacturers on the recall lists. Talk to your vet about brands that are considered safe. And finally, put some pressure on the FDA to improve their oversight of American pet food. Contact Sen. Herb Kohl (D–Wisconsin), chairman of the Senate Appropriation committee overseeing the FDA, and let him know your concerns.

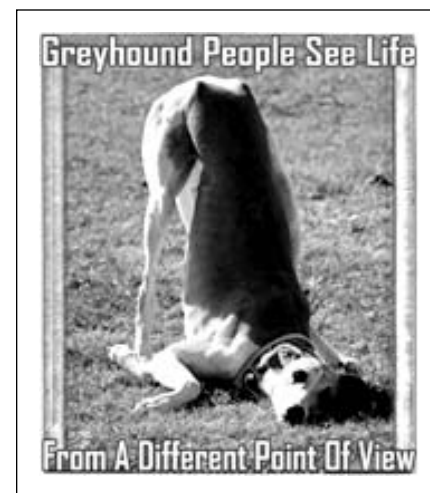
Comments from Pam Cook, President

Like all of us, Wayne is a greyhound guardian who is very concerned about the quality of food we feed our much-loved pets. Unlike most of us, though, he’s also a chemist with a doctoral degree. He graciously prepared this article for this issue of P&R. To date, dozens of

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GPA-CT Heisman’s Feature Group for July

Michele Truhlik, Member, GPA-CT



Heisman’s Greyhound Art is an online store affiliated with CafePress that features greyhound designs on T-shirts, mugs, hats, tiles, etc.

I nominated Greyhound Pets of America—Central Texas to be a featured group and GPA-CT was selected as the featured group for July. All profits from merchandise purchased during the month of July using the selected design will go to GPA-CT. I chose a fabulous – and greyt selling! – design.

So save your pennies and buy, buy, buy in July! Visit www.cafepress.com/heismansghart and click on “Heisman’s Feature Group.” Remember – monies will only go to GPA-CT for merchandise sold in July with the featured design.

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Pet Food Recalls

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brands otherwise considered reliable and healthy have been recalled. Vets' offices are deluged with calls from concerned people wanting to know what to feed their dogs and cats. While homemade diets offer plenty of ingredient control, canine nutritional needs are not completely met by simply feeding your dog a version of the human diet.

We encourage you to read labels! If you can use foods prepared with exclusively US-origin, human-grade ingredients, your pets are far less likely to run into trouble. We've found the folks at Tomlinson's Westlake, who host a monthly GPA-CT Meet & Greet, to be very helpful in steering us toward such foods, which include Nature's Variety and Innova kibble, frozen, and canned products. If your dog has special dietary needs, such as reduced protein, salt, or fat, it's especially important to clear it with your vet before trying a new food.

Over the long haul, though, only improving pet food inspection and increasing quality standards can prevent another crisis like this one from endangering the health of our hounds and other critters.

GPA-CT In Your Will

You may not think you have enough of an estate to worry about having a will, but if you own a house, you need a will giving directions to those left behind as to how you'd like your property divided.

Please don't forget GPA-CT when you make your will or the next time you update your will (which should be done periodically – things change!). Your gift of \$500, \$1000, \$5000 or more would make a huge difference to the chapter as we try to meet our mission of finding responsible loving homes for greyhounds which fail to qualify for the racetrack or no longer qualify for the racetrack, to acquaint the public with the desirability of greyhounds as pets, and to inform the public of the availability of these dogs for adoption.

What greater gift than to continue making an impact for the good after you're no longer alive to do so? The greyhounds we will meet and endeavor to help in the future will thank you.



Is Your Dog a Hero?

*Michele Truhlik, Member, GPA-CT
(Michele's dogs have been TABB blood donors for years.)*

Your dog can be a true hero by helping to save other dogs lives. How? By being a blood donor! Our friends at the Texas Animal Blood Bank (TABB) have been serving the Austin – area pet community since 1998.

As we all well know, emergencies happen and often time is of the essence. When traumatic blood loss occurs, such as when a dog is hit by a car or suffering from bite wounds, a blood transfusion may be



Harry doesn't mind donating blood.

necessary. Local vets call the TABB and help is immediately available! And so it is critical that the blood bank have a good supply stock of blood products.

At one time, there were 200 dogs in the TABB program but over the years, many have retired, passed away or developed medical issues. TABB is looking for new donors and they absolutely LOVE

greyhounds! Why? Because greyhounds have a greater likelihood of being a universal donor, meaning any dog can receive their blood.

The calm nature of the greyhound and the fact that they have great veins make them ideal blood donors. Donors should be healthy dogs between 1 and 8 years of age, weigh at least 60 lbs. and have a gentle temperament.

What happens during a collection?

First, your dog will be blood-typed and screened for any tick-borne diseases or other health issues. It is important that your dog be current on vaccinations and heartworm preventative. Once cleared for donation, your dog will be examined by licensed veterinarian Scott Johnson. A small blood sample is collected to test the packed cell volume and the total protein of the blood. The dog is then laid on his or her side on an exam table. Five hundred milliliters of whole blood is collected from the jugular vein into a single bag. (This is subsequently spun down into two units of red cells and two units of plasma). The actual collection takes approximately 5 minutes and owners are with their dog the entire time.

After collection, it's feeding time. But instead of orange juice and cookies, a big



*While Dr. Scott Johnson monitors the line,
Dr. Lynn Ludden keeps a close eye on Harry.*

bowl of premium dog food is given and you'll get to watch while your pet happily wolfs it down!

The blood bank collects from donor dogs every three months or less, depending upon the demand for blood. A real bonus to owners of donor dogs is that each donation earns a blood credit with TABB so that if your dog ever needs a blood product, it will be provided to your vet at no charge, saving you money in costly emergencies. Of course the real benefit is in knowing that you and your greyhound have helped to save another life.

If you are interested in having your greyhound become a blood donor, please call Lynn Ludden at 512/797-4357 or visit the website at www.austinTABB.com.

Unplug That Paper Shredder — Now!

If you have a paper shredder in your home, please be aware that this useful piece of office equipment can pose a serious threat to your greyhound's well-being.

Recent reports in *Consumer Reports*, *Newsday* and *Inside Edition*, and countless other websites and blogs, recount several incidents of curious dogs licking the tops of paper shredders, activating the shredding mechanism which had been set to "auto on," and having their tongues pulled into the machines, resulting in injuries ranging from disfiguration to death.

Dogs with long, floppy ears also can trigger the auto-on feature on paper shredders.

Of course, paper shredders also pose a danger to small children whose fingers are small enough to fit into the opening of the machine. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a safety alert in November 2005 warning consumers of the dangers of paper shredders and offering safety tips. www.cpsc.gov/CPSPUB/PUBS/5127.pdf

There are no hard numbers tracking animal injuries or death caused by paper

shredders, but following some simple precautions can ensure that any animals or children in your home stay out of harm's way:

- Place shredder where it is not accessible to pets or small children. Make sure that the shredder is "pounce proof." Cats and kittens jumping on top of shredders can do terrible damage to themselves.

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Fish Oil Supplements

From the Spring 2007 issue of Good Medicine (Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine)

A laboratory analysis found high levels of toxic chemicals in a popular brand of omega-3 fish oil supplements. OmegaPure was found to contain DDT, Dieldrin, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). All three chemicals have been deemed by the Environmental Protection Agency as "probable" carcinogens and have been banned in the United States. OmegaPure is manufactured by the largest producer of fish oil in the country, Omega Protein Inc.

Red Poppy Fest



Tami Wooliver, with greyhounds Phoenix and Gimme, and Angie Smith, with Francesca and Wylie, walked in the Georgetown Red Poppy Fest Parade on Saturday, April 28. "Four greyhounds elicit gasps and oohs and aahs," said Angie.

"I love a parade!"

2007 GPA-CT Election Results!

The Elections Committee announced the results of the 2007 GPA-CT elections at the April Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, April 17. Running unopposed and taking their positions on the board are Director Doug Bevins, Director John Koonz and Executive Secretary Donna Seago.

Thanks to all who took the time to fill out and return your ballots!

Also at the April board meeting, several appointments were made to fill recently vacated positions. Glen Bridge, Jr. was appointed vice president, Pam Cook was appointed foster coordinator, and Angie Smith was appointed events coordinator. Sally McIntosh was appointed for another three-year term as placement coordinator.

Soup Sharing Program

Slurp soup and raise money for greyhounds at the same time!

A unique Austin business, the Soup Peddler, will donate to GPA-CT 5% of every purchase we make! Several GPA-CT members are already regular "soupies." We've been enjoying not just soup but also salads, main dishes, vegetables, and desserts that are delivered to our front porches once a week. With vegetarian dishes, choices for carnivores, and a wealth of kid-friendly selections, it's hard to choose without maxing out the credit card. To learn more and to place a secure order, please go to the Soup Peddler's special GPA-CT website, www.souppeddler.com/?Click=7017.

Summer Library Program

Various library branches in the Austin area

- Saturday, June 2; 2–4 pm;
Ruiz branch; Kickoff Event Meet & Greet;
Host: Lonnie Lepp
- Tuesday, June 5; 2–4 pm;
Pleasant Hill branch; Need host
- Monday, June 11; 2–4 pm;
North Village branch; Host: Emily Hutson
- Wednesday, June 13; 2–4 pm;
Hampton branch at Oak Hill;
Host: Sally McIntosh
- Thursday, June 21; 2–4 pm;
Milwood branch; Need a host
- Tuesday, June 26; 2–4 pm;
Cepeda branch; Host: Pam Cook
- Saturday, June 30; 2–4 pm;
Faulk Central Library;
Host: Sally McIntosh
- Tuesday, July 3; 2–4 pm;
Yarborough branch; Host: Emily Hutson
- Wednesday, July 11; 2–4 pm;
Oak Springs branch; Host: Sally McIntosh
- Monday, July 16; 2–4 pm;
Spicewood Springs branch;
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- Wednesday, July 18; 2–4 pm;
Old Quarry branch; Host: Emily Hutson
- Tuesday, July 24; 2–4 pm;
St. John's branch; Need a host



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Available for Adoption



Casey – Female, red, age 3, not cat or small animal friendly. Casey is the strongest, “buffest” little girl we’ve met, she is gentle and sweet. She is infinitely patient with kids and other greyhounds.

Fox – Male, brindle, age 3, not small animal friendly. Fox is a very sweet, full of energy and will even play fetch – sort of. He is very good around other dogs.



Harley – Male, white with red, age 3, not cat or small dog friendly. Harley never raced, but he sure does love to romp

around. This active, friendly youngster would love to live in an active household and get lots of walks.

Jones – Male, brindle, age 4, not cat friendly, probably not small dog friendly. Super sweet and super smart. Would be an excellent candidate for agility or obedience training. Very friendly and affectionate – is a model greyhound ambassador.



Kay – Female, red, age 6, not cat or small dog friendly. Kay is a very sweet female that loves attention. It took a little while, but now she gets along great with her foster siblings.

Kingsley – Male, red, age 6, not cat friendly. Kingsley is a gorgeous red boy with a petite face. He loves, loves, loves attention any way he can get it – hugs, kisses, scratches, pats, sweet talking – you name it, he eats it all up!



Lady Rose (Rosie) – Female, black with white, age 5. They say it’s always

the quiet ones. . . and that’s sure true in this case. Rosie, the hound who thinks every stranger is a dangerous stranger and quivers like she’s going to disintegrate, is secretly bossy.

Mason – Male, brindle, almost age 10, has lived with cats, senior. Handsome, quiet, and potty-perfect, this big guy stays off furniture and comes when called. (Are we sure he’s a greyhound?) Mason thrives on routine, dearly loves a walk, but despises a car ride.

Oliver – Male, white with fawn freckles, age 2, cat and small dog friendly, possible greyhound/saluki mix. Ollie has



blossomed like a bluebonnet in his foster home. With his anxiety well controlled via training and a low dose of meds, he is an absolutely super dog.

Olivia – Female, white with fawn, about age 2, cat and small dog safe, possible greyhound/saluki mix. One look at Olivia and you’ll be wrapped around her little paw. She has gorgeous amber eyes, an elegant profile, and a regal carriage. She’s initially reserved and shy but definitely looking for someone to bond with!



Radley – Male, brindle, age 3, special needs and has personality to burn! He is a smart, enthusiastic boy with two weeks of in-residence training with Barbara Perry at Stay N Play Pet Ranch. He knows basic commands – sit, down, come, wait – walks well on a leash, and is an eager learner.



Taibo – Male, red, age 7, greyhound/saluki mix, cat friendly. Taibo is a sweet, loving dog who gets along well with other dogs, both

large and small, as well as cats. He is quietly affectionate and, if you’re willing to sit on the floor with him, he’ll climb into your lap for a snooze. He’s not very interested in toys but does appreciate a good chew bone.

Mattie – Female, age 2, white with red fawn. This charming youngster is active, cheer-



ful, and confident. She romps like a puppy with her greyhound pals, enjoys a ride in the car, and finds every object, noise, and visitor worth investigating. She will entertain herself by tossing soft toys in the air.



Delilah – Female, age 3, black with white, (soon to be small animal tested). Delilah, a retired racer, came into our program heartworm positive. She’s been treated and is recovering well at a kennel; she’ll move into a foster home when her “quiet time” is over. She’s quiet and calm, but her energy level may rise as she feels better. Delilah has perfect leash manners and a sweet nature.

GPA-CT Email List

GPA-CT relies heavily on the Yahoo! email list to inform our members of current events and last-minute opportunities. Please take a minute to join this informative list. Visit the website at www.gpacentraltexas.org and follow the instructions to join. It’s a greyt way to stay informed.

It's All About Pippin

Michele Belisle, Member, GPA-CT

Pippin is my first large dog and I was worried from day one that I would come home and large pieces of my house would be eaten or shredded.

The first few weeks were the worst. We slowly adapted to each other's personality. I kept on expecting destructive behavior or separation anxiety and it never happened. Pippin became my companion animal, my roommate, and my buddie. He was gentle and laid back. Even though I kept expecting him to turn into the Hound of Baskerville at any moment, it just didn't happen.

He became more outgoing and actually began to play with toys. He would look for me to play and take him for walks. I was losing my heart to him and I found that I didn't mind!

There was a problem when he moved in. My next door neighbor owns a German shepherd named Joe. There is a bright orange "Beware of Dog" sign on the neighbor's fence and even though I like the German shepherd breed, Joe scares me. Everytime I mow the yard, he spends his time throwing himself against the fence, growling and barking at me.

When I let Pippin in the backyard, he met Joe. At first, he wagged his tail, happy to have a dog next door to be friends with. But as he got closer to the fence line, his tail wagged less and less and the ferocious attacks of Joe continued into a frenzy.

"You do realize," my Dad told me, "if that dog gets through your fence, Pippin is dead."

I nodded and started to check the fence on a weekly basis. Pippin would walk next to me as Joe went crazy. The fence was pretty secure but I checked it often for any weak points. The fence is a piano-keys alternate arrangement, both dogs could see each other clearly and Joe had managed to stick his nose through and snap at Pippin. The

Francesca's Perspective

Hey Dogs! I'm so excited about my new column! I know I enjoy reading my mom's copy of "PAWS and Reflect" whenever it comes, and although some of the news is helpful to us, a lot of it is about people stuff. Oh, and people: yes, many of us can read! What do you think we're doing all day when you're at work? Sleeping? Nope, that's what we do when you're home. As a matter of fact, lately I've been learning to cook.

When the milk gallon got pretty close to empty I was able to get it out of the fridge and make a cake! Wylie ate it, though.

Hey fosters! I hope things are going well in your new digs! Here are some tips to get you into a permanent home A.S.A.P.:

1. When you go to Meet & Greets, look the petting people in the face. When they get a load of those soulful eyes, they'll have to get a greyhound sometime!
2. Do not pee on things at Meet & Greets. People don't like that.
3. If at Petco, do not try to eat the hamsters through the glass cages. People will assume you're brain damaged and you'll give greyhounds a bad rep.

fence held despite Joe's attempts to get through.

As months passed, I began to relax and check the fence less often. As the weather warmed, I would enjoy the nice spring breezes in the backyard and kept an eye on Pippin as he did his business. I sighed at Joe's loud barking and his attempts at throwing himself against the fenceline to get to Pippin. Pippin had also adjusted to the loud behavior.

Pippin looked back at me one afternoon and I could swear...there was something going through his doggie mind but I just didn't know what. He got closer and closer to Joe. Joe was now having a fit, snarling, growling and barking. He seemed to almost analyze the fence and then turned

4. Don't eat parts of your foster parents' house. They have to tell new families about that and people are less likely to adopt you if they think you'll be carving up their décor.

Being a particularly fabulous greyhound, I'm asked advice all the time. Here's a letter I received just the other day:

*Dear Francesca,
Why does it hurt after I step on one of those soft hills of dirt in the yard? Seems to me it would be pretty comfortable.*

*Signed,
Hotfoot*

*Dear Hotfoot,
You're stepping on a fire ant community. They sting you if you do that. Tell your parents they need to get rid of those hills using a dog-safe method. Have them check into control methods like a combination of pyrethrins and diatomaceous earth. I've also heard pouring 2 or 3 gallons of boiling water on an ant mound works, but that could be dangerous just on its own.*

Hope to see you all at Meet & Greets coming up soon! Remember to stay cool, drink plenty of water, and hug your humans!

Peace,
Francesca

suddenly and with deliberate aim, he peed on Joe's head.

I stared in amazement as the yard suddenly went quiet. There was a stunned silence between Joe and me. Pippin continued to sniff and go around the yard as if nothing had happened. I peered through the fence at Joe who was shaking his head from side to side in an attempt to get it off.

"Pippin!" He looked up at me. "How could you? You would never do that if that fence wasn't there!"

Pippin sniffed a plant near the porch and pee'd on it too. He looked up at me with his thoughtful, brown eyes.

He seemed to say, "But the fence is there."

Adoptions

Jack (PJ's Jacko) Jeff and Becky Brecht, Chase and Sasha, January 27

Brady (JG Brady) Kenneth Moran, February 2

A's BonBon and **Angus**, Kenneth, Stefanie, Chanler, Jared, and Victoria Gross, and cats, February 3 and 10

Maximus (Redmond), Marissa and Brent Garrison and cats, February 3

Doogie, Diane Lee and John Walker, Jack, Sassy, Spiderman, Ariel, and three mixed breed dogs, February 9

Gimme (Gimme Two Steps) CJ and Tami Wooliver and Emily Hutson, Phoenix, and the cats, February 24

Sadie (Premier Alischa) Pandi Parrish and Scott Hinkelman and Asia, February 25

Dexter (Halo Chop Chop) Janet and John Broadhead, Gwen, Gracie, and five assorted dogs, March 2

Silky (Sandy Silks) Jennifer and John McCorkell, March 17

Hobbs, Ricky, Jessica, and Mason Hollis, April 14



In Memoriam

We honor the greyhounds that have passed over the rainbow bridge. Please let us know if there is a greyhound that should be remembered. May the list always be short.

Simon, beloved greyhound of Barbara and Wayne Clark – March 14

Bella, beloved greyhound of Mike and Jill Klucher

Will, beloved greyhound of Sara Frantz early March

Epic, (Epic Circle), beloved greyhound of Shari and Ryan Gray – April 20

Bo, (Oreo Delite) beloved greyhound of Nancy Baker – April 21

GPA-CT Meet & Greets

First Saturdays; Town Lake stroll

Second Saturdays
Tomlinson's Westlake;
3300 Bee Cave Rd.

Third Saturdays
Petco, Austin–South; 5601 Brodie Lane

Third Saturdays
Petco, Temple; 2112 SW H.K. Dodgen
Loop, Temple

Fourth Saturdays
Petco, Austin–North–Arboretum,
9828 Great Hills Trail

Paper Shredders

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- Unplug your paper shredder when it is not in use.
- Do not leave shredders on the “automatic” setting.
- Do not shred food wrappers; the smells might attract your pet.
- When buying a shredder, look for one with a protective bar over the opening.
- Never allow children to operate a shredder, even with adult supervision.
- Secure or remove ties, necklaces, bracelets, loose-fitting clothing and long hair before using the shredder. (Beware of loose dog collars, too!)

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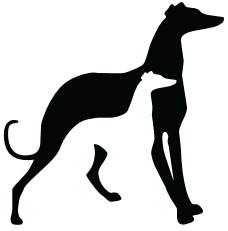
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